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OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

JOHNSTON DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, AUBURN, N. C.,

OCTOBER 12, 13 and 14, 1893.

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AUDITOR:

W. H. BROWN.....Smithfield, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR MESSENGERS.

Springfield—Lewis Haywood, Sydney Hunter, Richard Baucom, F. C. Jenkins and Rev. A. A. Jones.
Gallilee—George Sanders, W. C. Creech and Rev. W. T. H. Woodward.
Watts' Chapel—Samuel Barbour.
Good Samaritan.—C. C. Jones, Asbury Penny and Rev. R. J. Johnson.
Benson—W. F. Kornegay.
St. Amanda—George Rand, Willis Whitley and Rev. R. J. Johnson.
Spring Hill—Henry Hinnant and Rev. E. B. Blake.
Oaky Grove—John Sanders, D. J. Jedkins and Rev. A. A. Jones.
Clayton Baptist—Jerry Holt, Alexander Ellington and Rev. T. O. Fuller.
Lee's Cross Roads—G. R. Pair and W. L. Montague.
Smithfield Baptist—W. H. Mitchener, W. H. Brown and Rev. W. T. H. Woodward.
Wake Baptist Grove—Thomas Haywood, J. A. King, A. Terry and S H. Palmer.
Dawson Street Baptist—Washington Watkins.
Mt. Zion—William Jones
St. Mary—James Chapel, Daniel Johnson and A. A. Jones.
New Bethel—Bythan Sanders.
Selma—H. T. Johnson and Rev. E. B. Blake.
Piney Grove—Henry Mathes, Auston Lassiter and R. Sanders.
Green Hill—C. C. Jones, Jack McKoy and W. H. Balock.
Earpsboro—Carry Person and Bud Richardson.
New Vester—R. J. Jones.
Mt. Moriah—L. T. Smith, O. Pulley and William Ellerbee.
Green's Chapel—H. D. Sanders.

ESSAYS READ BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION.

"Womanhood," by Miss Lucy Jones, Auburn, N. C.
"Mission Work," by Miss Cherry M. Snow, Auburn, N. C.
"Progress of the Association," by Miss Etta Womack, Auburn, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

AUBURN, N. C., October 12, 1893.

The Johnston District Baptist Association met with the Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn, N. C., Thursday, October 12, 1893, in its Eighth Annual Session, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator, Dr. A. W. Pegues, being absent, Rev. W. T. H. Woodward, A. M., conducted the devotional exercises. Sang No. 835 B. H. B., "Once More we Meet to Pray," &c. Reading the 27th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. H. T. Johnson.

Rev. W. T. H. Woodward, A. M., made an appropriate talk, which was full of sense, thought and feeling.

At this time Dr. A. W. Pegues, the Moderator, came in and occupied the chair; called upon the pastor of the church, Rev. A. A. Jones, who arose, and in a very graceful manner delivered the address of welcome, which the delegates gladly received. Was responded to by Bro. W. H. Brown, speaking for the delegation. I assume the authority to say for the delegation that we are glad to be here, and in the name of Christ and his kingdom, we will try to do work for the Master as christian gentlemen. The Moderator made some remarks.

A committee on hours of meeting was appointed, consisting of the pastor Rev. A. A. Jones, Bros. Sydney Hunter, Richard Baucom and Lewis Haywood.

On motion, Rev. W. T. H. Woodward was appointed to preach the introductory sermon to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

The Moderator spoke upon foreign missions and the redemption of Africa, and asked the Association to formulate some systematic plan to raise money for home and foreign missions.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. J. Avery, and the benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. I. A. King Sang 704 B. H. B., "My Soul be on Thy Guard," etc. Reading 22d chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Bro. Samuel Palmer. Sang No. 229, "Like Sheep, we went Astray," etc.

Minutes of last session read and approved

Revs. C. H. Williamson, A. B. Vincent, R. B. Jones and Bro. Samuel Morgan and Sister Sallie A. Mial were introduced to the Association and invited to seats.

The appointment of the various committees:

Committee on Finance—W. H. Brown, Alexander Ellington, Lewis Haywood and Rev. W. A. Jones.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. T. O. Fuller, H. T. Johnson, C. C. Jones, Richard Baucom and W. H. Balock.

Committee on Reception of New Churches—Rev. R. R. Johnson, Jerry Holt, John Sanders, W. H. Mitchner and W. Watkins.

Committee on Officers—Rev. A. A. Jones, W. C. Creech, Rev. R. J. Johnson, W. L. Montague, Bud Richardson, George Rand and Henry Hinnant.

Committee on Education—Revs. W. T. H. Woodward, D. J. Avery, W. A. Jones, Bros. Daniel Johnson and H. T. Johnson.

Committee on Missions—Revs. E. B. Blake, A. B. Vincent, William Ellerbee, W. A. Jones, Bros. J. A. King, William Cook and M. H. Palmer.

Committee on Temperance—Revs. C. H. Williamson, R. E. Blake, Sam Barbour and Sallie Utley.

Special Committee—Revs. A. W. Pegues, W. T. H. Woodward, T. O. Fuller, W. A. Jones, R. R. Johnson, E. B. Blake and William Ellerbee.

Committee on Place—Rev. R. E. Blake, Asbury Penny, G. R. Pair, Henry Mathes, L. T. Smith and W. F. Kornegay.

On motion that Professor A. B. Vincent shall bring his work before the Association to-night after the introductory sermon is preached.

The Committee on Hours of Meeting submitted the following report:

Meet at 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 1 P. M.; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 4:30 P. M; meet at 7:30 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion that Rev. C. H. Williamson, Sunday-School Missionary and Colporter of the American Baptist Publication Society, should present his work to the Association, which he did, and well entertained the audience upon the Sunday-school work within the State.

Prof. A. B. Vincent spoke about the great men in the Baptist denomination, and the need of a denominational paper, the *Baptist Pilot*.

The Moderator read a letter from Mount Pleasant church, asking the Association to examine Bro. Samuel Morgan for

ordination; if found efficient, send him back to us to be ordained.

Rev. W. T. H. Woodward, by mutual consent, read church letters.

A motion prevailed that the collection would be taken for Rev. A. B. Vincent, Baptist Missionary.

The Association adjourned. Benediction by Rev. William Ellerbee.

Night Session.

The Association met, as was stated, to listen to the introductory sermon preached by Rev. W. T. H. Woodward. The choir sang No. 966 B. H. B., "There is a Land of Pure Delight," etc. Reading a part of the 10th chapter of St. Luke. Second hymn No. 704, "My Soul be on thy Guard," etc., and prayer by Rev. A. B. Vincent. The congregation sang, "Standing upon the promises of God," etc. The Elder took for his text the 20th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke: "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you: but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." The sermon indeed was historical, full of logic, and was rendered in an impressive manner. All who heard it seemed to enjoy it. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Jones.

Rev. A. B. Vincent, the Baptist State Missionary, came forth and put the work of Baptist State Ministers' Convention and his mission before the Association, after which a collection was taken to the amount of four dollars ($4.00), and was given to the missionary.

Adjourned by singing, "Dismiss us with Thy blessing, Lord," etc. Benediction by Elder W. T. H. Woodward.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Divine services conducted by Elder E. B. Blake and William Ellerbee. Singing hymn 663, "Did Christ over Sinners Weep," etc. Reading the 10th chapter of Romans, and prayer by Elder E. B. Blake.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

The minutes of the evening and night sessions were read. On motion they were approved.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to make their report, which reads as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the resolution upon temperance of last session of Johnston District Association so clearly sets forth the evil of intemperance and condemns the use of strong drinks as a beverage, therefore we recommend the same resolution; and whereas, we, the Johnston District Baptist Association, believe that intemperance, as applied to the use of alcoholic liquors in any form, is the most gigantic and terrible of all the evils of the present age; that it has ruined more souls, blighted greater hopes, crushed out noble ambitions, tarnished more characters, broken more hearts, shattered more homes, and squandered more property than all the other sins combined. We further believe that it is yearly plunging countless thousands of human beings in the abyss of poverty, shame, disgrace and diseases; that it has filled more unhallowed graves than war, pestilence and famine combined: that it is the greatest foe at home, and the greatest obstacle in foreign lands in the way of the church's progress in evangelizing the masses, converting the heathen and building up the cause of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we denounce the traffic, this monster of iniquity, and that we consider any individual unworthy of membership in our beloved Baptist churches who will use intoxicating drinks as a beverage in any form, and we hereby pledge ourselves as an Association to use every lawful and honorable effort to sweep this remorseless demon from our homes, our State, and our nation, and we most earnestly urge upon every pastor his duty to keep this subject before his congregation, and to preach a series of yearly sermons on the same.

R. E. BLAKE,
C. H. WILLIAMSON,
R. B. JONES.
SALLIE UTLEY,
Committee.

On motion, the Treasurer's report was received. In compliance with the constitution, Rev. R. B. Jones paid fifty cents and became a member of the Association.

On motion, that the Association order the Ministerial Board to draw up a course of studies for those who wish to obtain license and ordination, and ask the churches to please not to license or ordain any applicant who cannot pass the required examination.

On motion, the Association will not hereafter receive any applicant for an examination belonging to another Association.

The Committee on Missions made their report. It was not adopted.

On motion, that Mrs. Sallie A. Mial should put the work of the Orphan Asylum and the Woman's Mission Convention before the Association the first thing in the afternoon session.

By mutual consent, Dr. N. F. Robertson should present the claims of Shaw University thereafter.

The Finance Committee made their report. Twenty-five churches represented and sixty-five dollars and twenty-seven cents received. On motion, the report was adopted. Com-

mittee: W. H. Brown, Alexander Ellington, Lewis Haywood and Rev. W. A. Jones.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, they sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc. Benediction by Rev. R. J. Johnson.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the signal was given. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Rev. R. E. Blake took charge of the divine services; singing, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee," etc, and prayer by Dr. N. F. Roberts.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

In compliance with the motion made in the forenoon session, Mrs. Sallie A. Mial came forward and very forcibly set forth the work of the Orphan Asylum and the Woman's Missionary Convention within the State. At the close of the address one of the inmates of the Asylum, a little girl, made several recitations On motion, the Association donated five dollars ($5.00) to the Orphan Asylum.

The next order was the address of Dr .Roberts. He spoke about the great need of a christian education, missions and Shaw University. On motion, that the Association should donate to Shaw University five dollars ($5.00) after having paid the expenses of the Association.

On motion, the following persons were appointed to preach at the next sitting of the Association: Introductory sermon, Rev. T. O. Fuller; doctrinal sermon, Dr. A. W. Pegues; Home Mission sermon, Rev. W. A. Jones; Foreign Mission sermon, Rev. E. B. Blake; Educational sermon, Rev. R. E. Blake.

We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to submit our report: For Moderator, Dr. A. W. Pegues; Vice-Moderator, Rev. William Ellerbee; Clerk, Q. C. Mial; Treasurer, Rev. W. T. H. Woodward; Auditor, William H. Brown. Committee, Revs. A. A. Jones, R. J. Johnson, Bro. W. L. Montague, W. C. Creech, Bud Richardson, George Rand and Henry Hinnant.

We, your Committee on Place of Next Association, wish to report: We recommend the next annual session of this Association to be held with the New Vester Baptist Church, Wilson County; postoffice, Taylor's, N. C. Committee, Rev. R. E. Blake, Asbury Penny, G. R Pair, S. H. Palmer, Henry Mathes, L. T. Smith and W. F. Kornegay.

Resolution: Whereas, we see the financial failure of our Associational funds, through the present medium; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Sixteenth Article of the Constitution, which now reads "three collections per year," be changed; that each church be requested to pay annually *five cents* per member. REV. D. J. AVERY.

It was adopted by the vote which is required in the Constitution.

On motion that this Association be represented in the Baptist State Convention, which is to convene in Winston, N. C., October 19, 1893.

On motion that Revs. W. T. H. Woodward, A. M., and W. A. Jones were elected as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and that the Association shall pay one-half of their traveling expenses.

On motion, the officers of the Association shall receive the same pay this year as last year.

On motion, that the Association donate ($2.22) two dollars and twenty-two cents to Wake Baptist Grove Church.

The Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. O. Fuller. Singing, No. 410, B. H. B., "There is a fountain filled with blood," etc. Reading 114 Psalm, prayer by Deacon Jerry Holt. Chair announced the house ready for business.

The minutes of last session read and approved.

On motion, the different boards were appointed.

On motion that the Mission Board shall keep a record of their work and the names of those whom they appoint to do mission work and to raise money for the cause, should read it before the Association.

On motion, a vote of thanks be tendered to the good people and members of Springfield Church for their kind hospitality tendered the delegates and to the visitors of the Association.

Rev. William Jones and Rev. R. J. Johnson were appointed to preach at 2 o'clock P. M.; Dr. A. W. Pegues Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion that the Association donate $2 to the American Baptist Publication Society.

Near the close of the Association three ladies treated us with well prepared essays. This finishing the work of the Association, it adjourned with prayer by Bro. C. C. Jones to meet with the New Vester Baptist Church, Wilson County, Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, 1894.

DR. A. W. PEGUES, MODERATOR.

Q. C. MIAL, *Clerk.*

NOTE.—I do respectfully ask the pastor and deacons of each church belonging to this Association to see that they elect their delegates for the next Association *on or before the first Sunday in August, 1894,* and send the clerk a postal card bearing the names of the delegates elected.

Q. C. MIAL,
P. O. Box 35, Clayton, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the Meeting to Order.
2. Address of Welcome.
3. Response.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Enrollment of Church and Delegates.
6. Appointment of Committees.
   - (*a.*) Committee on Hours of Meeting.
   - (*b.*) Committee on Finance.
   - (*c.*) Committee on Resolutions.
   - (*d.*) Committee on Reception of New Churches.
   - (*e.*) Committee on Officers.
   - (*f.*) Committee on Place.
   - (*g.*) Committee on Temperance.
   - (*h.*) Committee on Divine Services.
7. Report of Executive Board.
8. Report of Missionary Board.
9. Report of Educational Board.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Address on Mission and Educational Work.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR THOSE WHO WISH ORDINATION AND LICENSE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, United States history, English grammar, geography, Scripture geography; Theology, systematic, Pendleton; The Church, by Harvey;

Deaconship, by Howell; Church Discipline, by Hiscox; Homoletics, by Broadus; Moral Philosophy and History of the Baptist Denomination. All applicants for ordination to preach will be required to pass a satisfactory examination upon the above named studies. We do respectfully ask the churches belonging to this Association not to license any applicant to preach the Gospel until he passes a satisfactory examination upon the following studies: Spelling, reading, writing, fundamental principles of arithmetic, English grammar and primary geography. Course of study produced by the Ministerial Board by order of the Association.

NOTE.—All arrangements necessary will be made by the New Vester Church to convey delegates from Kenly, N. C., to New Vester Church.

NAMES OF MISSION WORKERS.

	Foreign.	*Home.*
Selma Baptist Church:		
Sister R. A. Sanders	$ 50	$ ----
Sister D. M. Wall	1 55	----
Sister Joana Alford	1 00	50
Sister A. D. Turner	1 00	60
Sister Joana Johnson	1 25	1 00
Sister Hettie Turner	50	----
Sister Mary Smith	33	----
Smithfield Baptist Church	1 25	1 25
Sister Bettie Barbour	25	----
Sister Ellen Holomon	80	----
Springfield Church:		
Sister Ardelia Griffith	1 25	55
Sister Esta Haywood	72	----
Sister Ella Baucom	26	----
Clayton Baptist Church	3 00	----
St. Mary's Church:		
Sister Roda Chapel	----	50
Oaky Grove Church	40	----
St. Amanda Church	50	----
Dawson St. Baptist:		
Sister Ardelia Blake	----	60
Green Hill Baptist Church:		
Sister Rebecca Utley	30	----
Sister Cornelia Jones	23	----
Total amount	$15 00	$4 50

It is requested that the Mission Board keep a record of their work and the names of those whom they appoint to do mission work, and report the same to the Association. Sisters, will you please accept the thanks of the Association for the amount of money which was sent up by you?

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "JOHNSTON DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist churches in good standing may become annual members by paying fifty cents at any annual meeting: *Provided*, ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they remain members in good standing in any Missionary Baptist church.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Auditor, who shall be elected annually by the Association. In addition to these, there shall be appointed annually by the Moderator an Executive Board of seven, an Educational Board of five, a Home Mission Board of five and a Foreign Mission Board of five members

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any question under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART VII It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

ART VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were sent or collected. He shall make an annual report to the Association He shall not pay any order drawn on the Treasury except it be signed by the Moderator and the Clerk of the Association subject to the provision in the By-Laws.

ART. IX. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XI. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XII. The annual session of this body shall convene on Thursday before the third Sunday in October of each year, at such place as this body may select.

ART. XIII. The ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in such places as brethren may designate.

ART. XIV. We will receive no minister into the Association but those who have a good moral character.

ART. XV. We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to the gospel rule.

ART. XVI Each church connected with this Association may continue its membership by each member paying five cents annually, and each church see it to that the same amounts to or near the same as each church has usually sent up.

ART. XVII Baptist missionary societies within the bounds of this Association may become members of this Association by sending voluntary contributions. Each society shall be entitled to one delegate.

ART. XVIII. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each annual session an introductory sermon.

ART. XIX. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. All moneys sent from churches, societies and individuals shall be acknowledged in the Minutes of the Association.

SEC. 2. Before the final adjournment of the Association all the funds, notes, etc., shall be counted by the Finance Committee and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give the Finance Committee a receipt for the amount placed in his hands.

SEC. 3. No missionary or agent of the Association shall be Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall refund all money paid out otherwise than specified in the Constitution.

SEC. 5. After the expenses of the Association shall have been paid, the remaining Associational funds shall be applied to such purposes as the Association shall direct. The Home Mission Board shall execute the plans adopted by the Association

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, notes, books and papers belonging to the Association as soon as his successor shall give a bond as specified in the above sections.

SEC. 7. Should the newly elected Treasurer in any case fail to qualify, the Finance Committee shall retain the funds and be held responsible for the same till a Treasurer, to be elected by the Association or the Executive Board, shall qualify.

SEC. 8. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual reports to the Association.

SEC. 9. The duties of the boards provided for in the Constitution shall be such as are usually performed by such boards in other similar bodies.